

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forming an image by an inkjet recording system using an oil based ink composition, comprising discharging an oil based ink composition from an inkjet recording device,

wherein the oil based ink composition comprises fine particles dispersed in a non-aqueous dispersion medium, wherein the fine particles are obtained by melting and kneading a coloring agent and a binder resin and cooling and pulverizing the resulting mixture to provide a colored mixture and subjecting the colored mixture to wet dispersion, wherein each fine particle comprises the coloring agent and the binder resin, and wherein the coloring agent is coated with the binder resin, ~~and~~

wherein the binder resin comprises a block copolymer having a repeating unit (a) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms, and

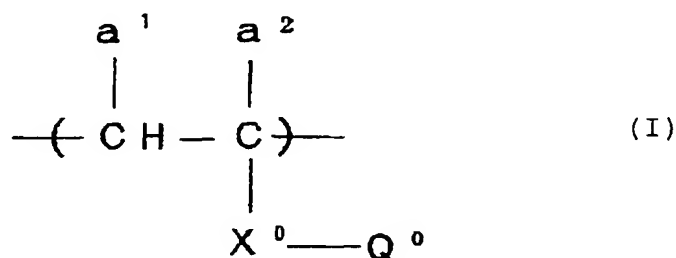
wherein the oil based ink composition further comprises a dispersant for pigment.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises a block copolymer having the repeating unit (a) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms and a repeating unit (b1) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer,

which is capable of copolymerizing with the monofunctional monomer of the repeating unit (a) and a homopolymer of which is soluble in the non-aqueous dispersion medium.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the repeating unit (a) is a repeating unit represented by the following formula (I):



wherein, X^0 represents a connecting group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_k-\text{OCO}-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_k-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{COO}(\text{CH}_2)_k-$, $-\text{COO}(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_k-$, $-\text{CONHCOO}-$, $-\text{CONHCONH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, and a combination of these groups; k represents an integer of from 1 to 3; a^1 and a^2 , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, $-\text{COO}-\text{Z}^1$, or $-\text{COO}-\text{Z}^1$ connected through a hydrocarbon group; Z^1 represents a hydrogen atom or an hydrocarbon group; and Q^0 represents an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms.

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the oil based ink composition has a viscosity of from 1.0 to 40 cp at 25°C.